



POTATOES

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NEW YORK POTATO STOCKS LOWER THAN LAST YEAR

Potato stocks held for all purposes on January 1, 2011 by New York growers, dealers, and processors totaled 1.50 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 17 percent from last year. The New York Agricultural Statistics Service estimated disappearance during the month of December at 800,000 cwt. Storage accounted for 29 percent of the 2010 potato production, down from last year's January 1 storage of 36 percent.

The 13 major potato States held 205 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2011, down 13 percent from a year ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 58 percent of the 2010 fall storage States' production, three percentage points below January 1, 2010. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.00 million cwt on January 1, 2011, down 14 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

Potato disappearance, at 147 million cwt, was 2 percent below January 1, 2010. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 14.7 million cwt, was down 11 percent from the same date in 2010.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 77.2 million cwt of potatoes this season, up 2 percent from the same period last year. Dehydrating usage accounted for 10.6 million cwt of the total processing, down 24 percent from last year.

FALL POTATOES: Production and Stocks on January 1, 2010-2011 1/

State	Crop of 2009			Crop of 2010			
	Production	Stocks Jan. 1, 2010	Percent of Production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1, 2010	Stocks Jan. 1, 2011	January Percent of Production
	1,000 cwt.		Percent	1,000 cwt.			Percent
CA	3,960	1,600	40	2,280	1,900	1,400	61
CO	22,080	13,900	63	21,528	15,500	13,300	62
ID	132,500	88,500	67	114,440	82,500	73,500	64
ME	15,263	10,800	71	15,892	12,200	10,800	68
MI	15,660	7,100	45	15,660	9,300	7,600	49
MN	20,700	11,600	56	17,010	11,000	9,600	56
MT	3,298	3,200	97	3,673	3,600	3,500	95
NE	8,756	4,900	56	7,719	4,900	4,100	53
NY	4,950	1,800	36	5,120	2,300	1,500	29
ND	19,125	10,800	56	22,000	14,000	12,000	55
OR	21,460	15,000	70	20,058	16,400	14,500	72
WA	87,230	47,500	54	81,740	45,300	39,300	48
WI	28,980	17,600	61	24,293	15,800	13,400	55
13 Sts	383,962	234,300	61	351,413	234,700	204,500	58
Klamath Basin 2/	(NA)	3,500	(NA)	(NA)	4,000	3,000	(NA)

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant the following year's crop.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co. Oregon. Included in the 13 State totals.